



Congressman John Yarmuth **FEDERAL GRANTS ALERT**

September 2007

■ **Rehabilitation Long-Term Training**

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education

Summary: The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program provides financial assistance for projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages, provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages, or provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Grants are awarded in the following areas:

- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Rehabilitation Technology
- Rehabilitation Long-Term Training--Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
- Vocational Evaluation And Work Adjustment
- Rehabilitation of Individuals Who Are Mentally Ill
- Undergraduate Education in the Rehabilitation Services
- Specialized Personnel for Rehabilitation of Individuals Who Are Blind or Have Vision Impairments
- Rehabilitation of Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Job Development And Job Placement Services to Individuals With Disabilities

Eligible Applicants: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, city governments, private institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, independent school districts, states and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, public housing authorities

Deadline: October 29, 2007

Award Amount: \$75,000-\$700,000

Contact: Marilyn Fountain, U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration, 400 Maryland Avenue SW Room 5029, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2800, (202) 245-7346; Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation

Services Administration, 400 Maryland Avenue SW room 5049 Potomac Center Plaza,
Washington, DC 20202-2800, (202) 245-7607

- **Woody Biomass Utilization Grant**

Forest Service, Department of Agriculture

Woody Biomass Utilization Grants will fund forest product projects that increase the use of woody biomass from National Forest System lands. The woody biomass utilization grant program is intended to help improve forest restoration activities by using and creating markets for small-diameter material and low-valued trees removed from forest restoration activities, such as reducing hazardous fuels, handling insect and diseased conditions, or treating forestlands impacted by catastrophic weather events. These funds are targeted to help communities, entrepreneurs, and others turn residues from forest restoration activities into marketable forest products and/or energy products. Construction projects involving a permanent building or infrastructure item, such as roads, are not allowed with federal funds; however construction funds can be part of the non-federal cost share.

Eligible Applicants: State, local, and Tribal governments, school districts, communities, non-profit organizations, businesses, companies, corporations, or special purpose districts, e.g., public utilities districts, fire districts, conservation districts, or ports.

Deadline: November 2, 2007

Award Amount: \$50,000 - \$250,000

Contact: Susan LeVan, Program Manager, (608) 231-9504, slevan@fs.fed.us

- **Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants**

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD

The purpose of the capacity building program is to enhance the technical and administrative capabilities of community development corporations (CDCs) and CHDOs to carry out community development and affordable housing activities.

Eligible Applicants: The competition is limited to the four organizations identified in section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993: Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Habitat for Humanity, and YouthBuild USA

Deadline: December 12, 2007

Contact: Karen Daly, Office of Policy Development and Coordination, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410. (202) 402-5552. Karen_E._Daly@hud.gov

- **Brownfields Economic Development Initiative**

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD

HUD encourages brownfields economic development projects that propose the redevelopment of a brownfield site through new investments by identified private sector parties in addition to BEDI/Section 108 financing and that will directly result in new business or job creation, increases in the local tax base or other near-term, measurable economic benefits. The purpose of the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) program is to enhance the security of

a loan guaranteed by HUD or to improve the viability of a brownfields economic development project financed with the Section 108-guaranteed loan, in order to stimulate economic development by local governments and private sector parties at brownfields sites and to return those sites to productive, economic use. All BEDI grants must be used in conjunction with a new Section 108-guaranteed loan commitment.

Eligible Applicants: Local governments

Deadline: December 24, 2007

Award Amount: up to \$2,000,000

Contact: David Kaminsky, Office of Economic Development; 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7140; Washington, DC 20410; (202) 402-4612

■ **Community Development Financial Institutions Fund**

Department of the Treasury

The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program was established to serve low-income people and communities lacking adequate access to affordable financial products and services. The Fund provides monetary awards for Financial Assistance (FA) and Technical Assistance (TA) through the CDFI Program. CDFIs use FA awards to further goals such as: Economic development (job creation, business development, and commercial real estate development); Affordable housing (housing development and homeownership); and Community development financial services (provision of basic banking services to underserved communities, financial literacy training, and predatory lending alternatives). CDFIs provide a unique range of financial products and services in economically distressed target markets, such as mortgage financing for low-income and first-time homebuyers and not-for-profit developers, flexible underwriting and risk capital for needed community facilities, and technical assistance, commercial loans and investments to small start-up or expanding businesses in low-income areas. CDFIs include regulated institutions such as community development banks and credit unions, and non-regulated institutions such as loan and venture capital funds.

Eligible Applicants: A certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions. An organization wishing to apply must be certified as a CDFI by the Fund. Interested applicants that are not yet certified must submit a separate Certification Application by October 17, 2007 to be considered for FA during the 2008 funding round.

Deadline: October 31, 2007

Award Amount: up to \$2,000,000

Contact: CDFI Fund, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov, (202) 622-6355

■ **EducationUSA Advising Services in Eurasia and Central Asia**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State

The Office of Global Educational Programs, Educational Information and Resources Branch, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for EducationUSA Advising Services in Eurasia (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova,

Russia, and Ukraine) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan). advising centers in Bureau-specified locations. These advising centers would be a part of the network of approximately 470 Department of State- affiliated advising centers worldwide. Advising centers provide comprehensive and unbiased information to students, scholars, and other individuals about study opportunities in the U.S.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private non-profit organizations

Deadline: November 13, 2007

Award Amount: \$530,000 for Eurasia and \$120,000 for Central Asia)

Contact: Henry Scott, ECA/A/S/A, Room 349, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, 202-453-8883, 202-453-8890, scotthc@state.gov

▪ **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship**

Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education

The Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program provides opportunities to doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies. Fellowships are awarded to research projects that focus on one or more of the following geographic areas: Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, South Asia, the Near East, East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere. The program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of one or more of the following critical languages: Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian, as well as Indic, Iranian, and Turkic language families.

Eligible Applicants: Institutes of Higher Education on behalf of eligible students. As part of the application process, students submit individual applications to the IHE. The IHE then officially submits all eligible individual student applications with its grant application to the Department.

Deadline: November 5, 2007

Award Amount: \$15,000-\$60,000

Contact: Carla White, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20006-8521, (202) 502-7700.

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Special Announcement for Jefferson County Business Owners

- **Disaster Assistance Loans**
Small Business Administration

Jefferson County is one of seven Kentucky counties eligible for federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for damage resulting from this year's April frost and snow. Small business owners can repay the loans at significantly lower interest rates than traditional loans.

Eligible Applicants: Businesses affected by this year's April frost and snow

Contact: SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired), Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM—9:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM—9:00 PM.

Loan applications can also be downloaded from SBA's website:

www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

U.S. Small Business Administration

Processing and Disbursement Center

14925 Kingsport Rd.

Fort Worth, TX 76155

More information about the SBA Disaster Assistant Loans can also be found on the Congressman's website, Yarmuth.house.gov.

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